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In reply refer to: 105AA

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Memorandum

To: Kevin Hamilton, Aviation Division Chief, BLM Fire & Aviation

From: Mark Bathrick, Associate Director

Subject: Approval of Conair Convair 580 Airtankers and Bird Dog (Leadplane) aircraft.

In response to your cooperator request of July 9, 2008, this memo serves as approval for the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) to utilize the Conair Group Inc, Convair 580 Large Airtankers (LAT) identified herein as well as an associated Bird Dog aircraft assigned to each LAT. The use of these other Government Agency aircraft shall be in accordance with 351 DM 4.4 through cooperation with CalFire or the Canadian Province of British Columbia. The Federal Aviation Administration Letter of Registration for operations under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) only authorizes Firefighting and/or Forest Fire Management. Air Transportation (passengers) is not authorized.

Conair aircraft identification:

<u>Convair 580</u>	<u>Piper Aerostar</u> (Bird Dog)	<u>Twin Commander</u> (Bird Dog)
C-FKFM	C-GSXX	C-GWEN
C-FKFO	C-GOSX	C-GAAL
C-FKFL	C-GLVQ	C-GHWF
C-FKFY	C-GHGZ	C-GDCL
C-FFKF	C-GUXX	C-FCZZ
C-FEFK	C-FIFF	
C-FKFB	C- GRIK	
	C- GUSZ	

We are not able to issue a blanket approval of all other Canadian fire suppression aircraft as requested. Some aircraft approved for use in Canada include those that both DOI and USFS have not approved for use on U.S. Federal Lands (e.g., Douglas DC-6, Grumman Firecat etc.). Approval of other Canadian aircraft will be determined on a case by case basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 208-433-5000 if you have any questions or if Aviation Management Directorate can provide additional support.

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